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1. On 28 February and 4 March 1955, the following two shipments were loaded at the Prenzlau freight station:

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28 February. At 1930. 2 x 37-mm AA guns, 4 six-wheel armored personnel carriers and 6 trucks, which left toward Templin.

4 March. At 0130. 8 T-34 tanks, JS-2 tanks and JSU-122 guns, 10 trucks with soldiers and 3 repair trucks from the barracks installation northwest of Berlin Strasse (4742), which left toward Templin.

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2. At 1700 on 5 March, 4 tanks with T-34 chassis, 12 trucks and 1 repair shop truck were detained at the Bernau railroad station.²

3. At 1500 on 5 March. 2 x 120-mm mortars, 3 x 122-mm field howitzers, 28 trucks 6-50-80, 1 field kitchen and at least 100 soldiers were detained at the Eberswalde railroad station.³

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4. On 4 March, canvas-covered track-laying vehicles with pontoon shaped superstructure were lined up in to rows in the east section of the Schuetzen Kaserne (4342) in Eberswalde. The vehicles had a length of 10 to 12 meters, a height of approximately 2.5 meters and a width of 2.5 to 3 meters.⁴

5. At 0630 on 23 February, a train of 15 boxcars occupied by soldiers and 16 flatcars, each carrying a box of 8 x 3 x 3 meters covered by black roof paper passed through the Bad Freienwalde railroad station. The train came from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder and proceeded toward Eberswalde.⁴

6. The following shipments were reported to have passed through the Oranienburg railroad station en route from Gustermark toward the north on 7 March:

0205, 0240, and 0325 Three trains to Eberswalde.

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0750. A train with 4 x 85-mm AA guns, 2 T-34 tanks, 12 armored personnel carriers, 18 trucks, 4 field kitchens and, etc.

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12 boxcars, soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, which went to Friedrichswalde.

1110. A train with 12 canvas-covered tanks, 4 canvas-covered light AA guns, 26 trucks, 2 field kitchens and, on 10 boxcars, soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, which went to Loewenberg.

1330. A train with 12 canvas-covered light AA guns, 22 trucks, 2 repair shop trucks, 2 tank trucks, 1 motorcycle, 2 field kitchens, and on 10 boxcars, soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, which went to Loewenberg.

1530. A train with 6 x 76-mm AT guns, 3 large buses, 32 trucks and, on 10 boxcars, soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, which went to Friedrichswalde.

1630. A train with 4 canvas-covered rocket launchers, 8 armored personnel carriers, 28 trucks, 2 tank trucks, 1 ambulance and, on 7 boxcars, soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, which went to Loewenberg.

2050. A train with 6 canvas-covered tanks, 4 armored personnel carriers, 12 motorcycles, 24 trucks, 4 field kitchens, and, on 12 boxcars, soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, which went to Loewenberg.

7. During the night of 22 February, a unit from the Weisse Stadt settlement (4683) was entrained at the Oranienburg freight station and proceeded via Wustermark.⁶

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8. At 1630 on 1 March, a shipment of 7 x 37-mm AA guns, 8 armored personnel carriers, 15 trucks, [redacted] 2 field kitchens, and soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets went from Jueterbog to Bernau.²

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9. Shipments entrained at the Satzkuhn railroad station included:

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6 March. At 1540, 9 T-34/85 tanks, 3 T-34 tanks without weapons, 10 six-wheel armored personnel carriers, 23 trucks, 5 sidecar motorcycles, 3 field kitchens and 11 boxcar loads of personnel, which left for Friedrichswalde at 1950 [redacted]

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At 1900, 7 JS tanks, 2 JSU-122 guns, 6 armored personnel carriers, 3 motorcycles, 23 trucks, 4 repair shop trucks, 3 field kitchens, and 10 boxcarloads of personnel, which left for Joachimsthal at midnight [redacted]

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7 March. At 0010, 2 x 37-mm AA guns, 22 trucks, 7 repair shop trucks, 4 tank trucks, 1 ambulance, 2 field kitchens and 5 boxcarloads of personnel, which left for Joachimsthal at 0510 [redacted]

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At 0420, 27 trucks, 19 trucks, 3 repair shop trucks, 1 ambulance and 3 boxcarloads of personnel, which left for Eberswalde at 0930 [redacted]

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At 0945, 8 armored personnel carriers, 36 trucks, 5 motorcycles, 2 buses, 1 repair shop truck, 76 jeeps, 2 field kitchens and 12 boxcarloads of personnel, which left for Joachimsthal at 1145 [redacted]

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At 1050, 2 T-34/85 tanks, 2 T-34 tanks without weapons, 9 armored personnel carriers, 20 sidecar motorcycles, 18 trucks, 13 repair shop trucks, 1 ambulance, 4 field kitchens and 8 boxcarloads of soldiers, which left for Alt-Muettendorf at 1800 [redacted]

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During the loadings, the Satz Korn railroad station was cordoned off by Soviet soldiers and German railroad police in civilian clothes. 5

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10. On 7 March, two trains went to Rummelsburg from Alt-Haettendorf and Joachimsthal [redacted] respectively. The trains were disassembled at Rummelsburg. 5

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1. [redacted] Comment. Firing details were entrained, probably for the Templin training grounds. The unloading in Templin of the tank detail which had been loaded in Prenzlau on 4 March, had already been reported.

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2. [redacted] Comment. On 1 March, a firing detail of the 120th (?) AAA Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div from Bernau, which returned from firing practices at Jueterbog, was probably detrained. On 5 March, a tank firing detail of the division from Templin was probably unloaded in Bernau.

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3. [redacted] Comment. This was probably a tank firing detail of the 6th Gds Mecz Div which, according to railroad records returned from Jueterbog [redacted]

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4. [redacted] Comment. According to previous observations, the camouflaged shipment involved new track-laying amphibious vehicles from the USSR. The shipment is believed to have been assigned to the 3d Engr Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army which, thus, received three shipments totaling approximately 50 track-laying amphibious vehicles after November 1954. It is possible that the regiment also received personnel which had already been instructed on the new vehicles in the USSR.

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5. [redacted] Comment. According to corresponding information [redacted] major elements of the 10th Gds Tank Div transferred to the Schorfheide area on 6/7 March. Railroad records indicated that the transfer involved a total of 19 trains. It is believed that a division exercise which was presumably to terminate of the Templin training grounds was to be held. The trains which reportedly returned to Rummelsburg, are believed to have been empty.

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6. [redacted] Comment. The entraining probably involved the known topographic unit of GSFC from the Weisse Stadt which, according to a previous report, presumably transferred to the Leiniz area. [redacted]

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